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LOK SABHA

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SYNERGY BETWEEN CIVIL AVIATION AND IAF
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are certain disparities in the decision-making process and inventory management norms in defence and civil aviation sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken for greater synergy between IAF and Civil Aviation in order to ensure effective policing of the country`s air corridors?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a), (b) and (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 529 forreply on 28/4/2003 regarding Synergy between Civil Aviation and IAF tabled by Shri Suresh Ramrao Jadhav.

(a) and (b): The procedures applicable for airspace management and air navigation services in the Indian airspace under the jurisdiction of civil Aviation are in conformity with the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs)established by International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)for uniform application throughout the world in the interest of safety of air operations. These SARPs are not applicable to defence operations.

(c): Civil flights operate within the airspace reserved for civil operations. Flight plans of all intended operations of a civil aircraft are passed on to the Air Force MilitaryLiasion Unit (AFMLU) which in turn, issues Air Defence clearance number for civil flights. No civil flight is allowed to enter the Indian airspace without an Air Defence clearance. Allocation of airspace between civil and defence is done through mutual consultation. Promulgation of Air Traffic Service routes through defence airspace is done only after prior approval of appropriate defence authorities. Airports Authority of India (AAI) is also establishing aJoint Control and Analysis Centre at Air Traffic control Complex at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi tomonitor and analyze critical situation and coordination with the concerned defence authorities.